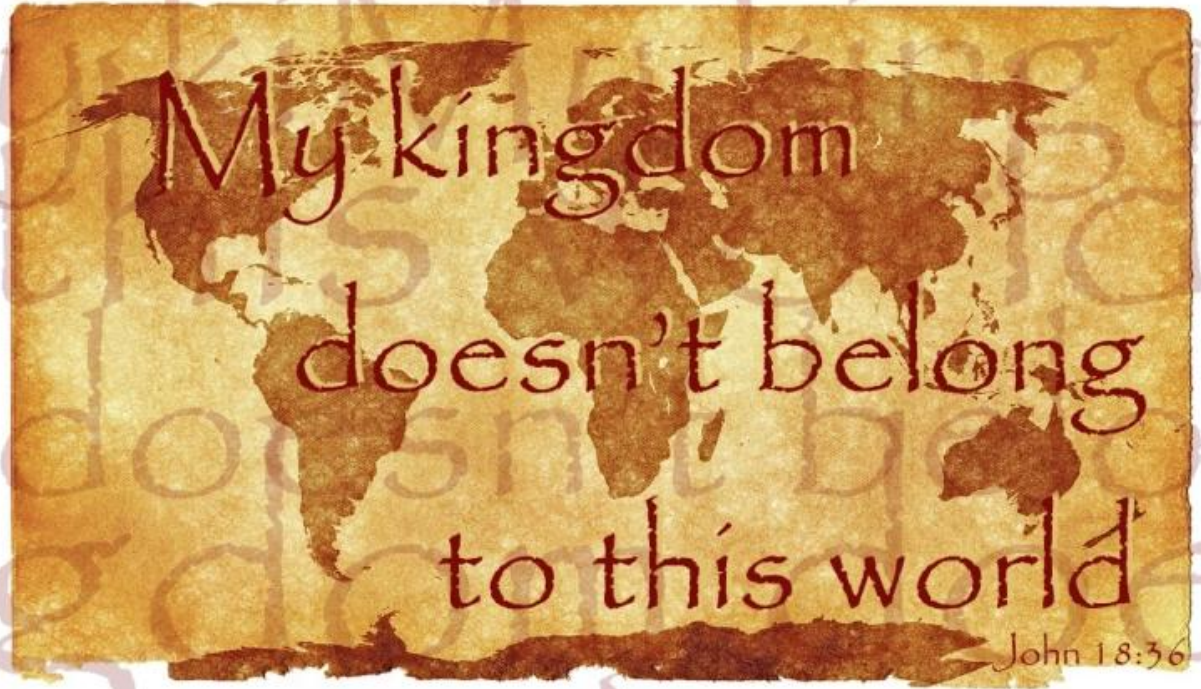


# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We believe that God is healing and restoring the world,  
and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024  
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
CHRIST THE KING

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Welcome to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your prayers and presence on this day in the life of the parish community. We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table.

Our worship service takes place here and online; it is also being recorded for later viewing. Feel free to greet one another as is your custom as you gather. When we are ready to start, our Angels Aloft will sound an opening bell. This signals those gathered that our service is now being recorded. Please maintain quiet and turn your attention to our opening activities at this time.



## The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Opening Bell

Welcome

*Celebrant*

Announcements

*Member of Vestry*

Prelude.....“O Worship the King” arr. Labenske

Land Acknowledgement

*Celebrant*

*We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples who have reserve treaty rights to this land, especially the Skagit Tribe who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank these caretakers of the land, who have lived, and continue to live, here since time immemorial.*

### Mission Statement

***Presider and People:***

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Opening Hymn .....Crown Him with Many Crowns..... Hymn 494

## The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People: Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen**

## The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Gloria** ..... Gloria in Excelsis Deo ..... S280

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People:*

**Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please be seated.*

A Reading From **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,  
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
 The court sat in judgment,  
 and the books were opened.  
 As I watched in the night visions,  
 I saw one like a human being  
 coming with the clouds of heaven.  
 And he came to the Ancient One  
 and was presented before him.  
 To him was given dominion  
 and glory and kingship,  
 that all peoples, nations, and languages  
 should serve him.  
 His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
 that shall not pass away,  
 and his kingship is one  
 that shall never be destroyed.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93:1, 2, 5

ANTIPHON

The Lord is king; he is robed in maj-es-ty

- 1 The Lord is king, in splendor robed;  
 robed is the lord and girt about with strength. ANTIPHON
- 2 And he has made the world firm, not to be moved,  
 your throne stands firm from of old;  
 from everlasting you are, O Lord. ANTIPHON
- 5 Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;  
 holiness befits your house,  
 O Lord, for length of days. ANTIPHON

### A Reading From Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn..... Alleluia Sing to Jesus .....Hymn 460

**Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 13:1-8**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

The Sermon..... The Rev. Dennis Taylor

*Please stand as able.*

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*The Leader and **People** pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider speaks a concluding collect.*

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

***Presider and People:***

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider speaks an Absolution.*

## **The Peace / La Paz**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. / La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

**People: And also with you. / Y con tu espíritu.**

*If you are worshiping with us virtually, use the chat function to “say” peace to your fellow parishioners, or text/email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.*

## **Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life**

**Offertory**..... “He Is Exalted” Twila Paris arr. Larson .....St. Paul’s Choir

*Your gifts are much appreciated.*

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**Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen**

**The Holy Communion ..... Eucharistic Prayer A**

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to come forward for communion or blessing. Gluten free wafers are available. The assembly is invited to stand as they are able for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*Intinction, also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not practiced here. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of our chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.*

Presider: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

*Presider:* O God, you are holy and gracious: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, our Rock and our Foundation. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Presider:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. Amen. And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who  
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

# The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## The Fraction Song

Se - ñor y Je-su - cris - to, Hi - jo del Dios vi - vo. Se - ñor y Je-su - cris - to, Hi -  
 Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of the li - ving God, Lord Je-sus Christ, Son  
 jo del Dios vi - vo. O - ten mi - se - ri - cor - dia de no - so - tros pe - ca - do - res. O -  
 of the li - ving God; O have mer - cy on us sin - ners, O  
 ten mi - se - ri - cor - ida de no - so - tros pe - ca - do - res.  
 have mer - cy on us sin - ners.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please be seated.*

*Those present, are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar at the direction of the usher.*

*Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you. We share spiritual communion today.*

## Communion Hymn ..... Jesus The Lord ..... This page and next

**Refrain**  
 Je - sus. Je - sus. Let all cre -  
 a - tion bend the knee to the Lord.

**Verse 1**  
 1. In him we live, we move and have our be-ing; In  
 1. him the Christ, in him the king! Je - sus, the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ to Refrain

*Jesus the lord continued*

Verse 2

2. Though Son, he did not cling to  
2. god - li - ness; but emp-tied him - self, be -  
2. came a slave! Je - sus, the Lord.

Verse 3

3. He lived o - be - dient-ly his  
3. Fa - ther's will ac - cept-ing his death, death on a  
3. tree! Je - sus, the Lord.

### **Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:**

Presider: We who are many are one body.

**People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Presider: In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People: As you have been fed, now feed others in the name of Christ.**

Presider: Our prayers go with you, go in peace. Amen.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Presider: Let us pray.

**People and Presider: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

Closing Hymn ..... All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.....Hymn 450

## Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude.....“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” Duet

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### *Offertory - Thank you for giving!*

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Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider	The Rev. Paul Moore
Preacher	The Rev. Dennis Taylor
Deacon:	The Rev. Dennis Taylor
Musician	J.J. Cully
Cantor	Alec McDougall
Eucharistic Minister:	Dan Niven
Eucharistic Visitors:	Sherri Greenleaf & Dan Niven
Greeters:	Penney Worrell & Carol Treston
Lectors:	Carol Boss & Susan Sanderson
Counters:	Carol Boss & Acacia McDermott

St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Penny Worrell at *penny*.

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# Announcements and Opportunities

Welcome to our guests: We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please put your name and contact information in our guest book so that we may get to know you better.

## **Other things to do to participate in our community**

Check out the whiteboard in the narthex for other interesting events and happenings in the area. You can also sign up for church activities (such as flowers or coffee hour) in the Parish Hall.

## **SonShine Stitchers**

The SonShine Stitchers meet the first and third Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm at the church. Please join us. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

## **Women's Getaway**

Camp Huston Episcopal camp and Conference Center is the site for a Women's Getaway January 17-20, 2025. Registration is starting soon. Call 360.739.0441 for more information.

## **Flowers**

The altar flowers today are provided by Julie Hagen in thanksgiving for all the wonderful blessings of this life.

## **Coffee Hour**

The coffee hour this morning is hosted by Nicole and Tony Smith.

## **Habitat For Humanity Sale Volunteer Opportunity**

Skagit Habitat for Humanity is having their Black Friday Sale November 29, 2024. They are seeking volunteers to assist with this. This is an opportunity to meet lots of people in the community and learn/talk about SHFH and their mission. For more information or to volunteer contact Debbie Honan, SHFH Volunteer Coordinator – Call or text 360.333.5533

## **Ingathering Reminder**

Sunday, December 1 is Ingathering Sunday, when pledge cards are turned in. Prayerfully consider how much you can give for the support of St. Paul's to help heal and restore the world. Please follow the link in the eblast from Maggie Bird.

## **Women's Work International Market**

The Women's Work International Market is happening Saturday November 30, 10am-4pm at Skagit Valley College Knutzen Cardinal Center 2405 E. College Way, Mount Vernon. This organization supports artistic and economic opportunity for women and scholarships for education students. See the poster on the whiteboard.

## **SAP Upcoming Events**

For information about the upcoming events for Skagit Art Preschool see the poster on the whiteboard.

Due to formatting, this page might have been left blank. However, here is a meditation on why we do what we do.

“What is worship? The word comes from Old English, and literally means ‘worth-ship’. It is an acknowledgment of ‘worthiness’. The book of Revelation describes the twenty four elders who, “fall down before him who is on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ‘Worthy art thou, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou didst create all things, and by thy will they existed and were created.’” (4:11). To worship is to say, ‘Thou art worthy, O Lord!’. Admittedly, there is a degree of sacrifice when we are faithful in honoring the Lord’s Day, and other holy days of obligation. However, in doing so we are essentially saying, ‘Worthy art Thou, our Lord and God! We love You, and we want to covenant ourselves to You forever. We are your creatures and You are worthy of our worship!’

I was driving to a job with one of my previous employers in the carpentry trade, who happened to be a devout evangelical Christian. He wanted me to leave go of my Catholic faith, and join his church. One point he stressed with me was how Catholics seem to do the same thing over and over. He exclaimed, “I don’t want same! I want different!” Of course, if you go to his church week after week, you will find a basic pattern or rhythm to their service, which is always the same. Prayer and worship does not necessarily have to consist of spontaneous and different outward expressions to be authentic. St. Theresa of Lisieux described prayer as, “a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven.” Oftentimes familiar patterns of prayer and worship provide a trusted means to channel this upward “surge of the heart.” The Mass is so familiar to all of us. Rather than breeding contempt, that familiarity ought to facilitate this surge of our hearts towards our God, “O Beauty so ancient and so new” (St. Augustine).”

Father Joe Cwik, Our Lady’s Church, Leonardtown, Maryland

<https://ourladychurch.org/meditations-on-the-mass>



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We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

TELECOIL ASSIST AVAILABLE.



HEADPHONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE,  
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